HELPER CITY LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY PLAN 2006-2008

1. MISSION: SERVICE

Helper City Library's technology plan supports the long range goal of providing upto-date materials and information for all ages, for both their enjoyment and information needs in the technological world of today and the future. This plan reflects for the goal of "Access for All" and specifically that the citizens of Helper City and surrounding unincorporated areas have equitable access to the world of information through the library.

2. SERVICE, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES

Two goals have been determined in the library's three-year plan for 2006, 2007, and 2008.

- 1. To provide to the community access to needed information related to business, finance, government, consumer and general subjects in a satisfactory and timely manner.
- 2. Provide adequate current materials both print and non-print that respond to the need for information for all ages and backgrounds.

Services and Objectives:

- 1. The library will update its "home page" to direct patrons to information on the Internet, as well as information on library services and programs.
- 2. The Helper City Library will utilize the Internet whenever practicable for quickest and most economical responses to information requests.

3. STAFF AND PATRON TRAINING

The library staff will utilize electronic training opportunities either locally, regionally or those made possible through the State Library. The use of the Internet will be taught as needed to the patron.

4. EXISTING TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES

The library currently has available:

- Four computers with Internet access for patrons
- · HP 4100 n printer for patron and staff use.
- A T1 hookup is used for Internet access.

5. PLANNED TECHNOLOGICAL UPGRADES, SERVICES AND TIME LINE

Year 2006Objectives

- 1. The library will increase the number of computers by two,
- One with Internet for the staff.
- One for an online catalog or PAC (not networked).
- 2. Replace server.
- 3. Improve audio collection all age groups
- 4. Provide on-going staff training.
- 5. Increase service to homebound patrons.

Year 2007 Objectives

- 1. Replace two oldest patron computers
- 2. Provide on-going staff training
- 3. Develop an adult book club
- 4. Conduct a user's survey of available technology.

Year 2008 Objectives

- 1. Replace circulation computer
- 2. Provide training for staff and board members on latest technology.
- 3. Conduct an informal user's survey of available technology.

6. Evaluation

Evaluation will be based on:

- The number of new computers and other equipment.
- New electronic resources.
- The user surveys listed.

These and other records will be available as part of the documentation of the success of these plans, expenditures and efforts.

7. Budget (estimated guess on current pricing)

With the current environment of the library budget, a minimal yearly increase of the budget is predicted. Specific budget allotments have been assigned to:

- Network operations.
- · Telephone communications.
- · Internet service. System maintenance.
- On-line databases.
- Training.
- · Up-grading of equipment.

Librarians and the members of the board have approved the above plan on: 11-30-05

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